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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/132,085 ✓
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For: DATA LINE DISTURBANCE FREE MEMORY BLOCK
DIVIDED FLASH MEMORY AND MICROCOMPUTER
HAVING FLASH MEMORY THEREIN
Group: 2818
Examiner: V. LE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 17, 2003

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants, through their undersigned representative, are submitting herewith copies and a listing therefor, in equivalent Form PTO-1449, of two foreign art documents cited in an office action with regard to a counterpart Japanese application, for the USPTO's consideration. (The referred-to counterpart application is Japanese Patent Application No. 11-067781, which is a divisional application of Japanese Patent Application No. 10-330473 which, in turn, is a divisional of one of the two priority applications of the present application, namely, Japanese Patent Application No. 04-091919. A copy of the foreign Office Action as well as a copy of a partial English language translation thereof are also enclosed herewith.) Although five art documents are cited in the counterpart Japanese Application Office Action, copies and a listing therefor

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of only cited art documents JP-A-60-254344 and JP-A-59-071179 are being provided herein noting that the three (3) other cited art documents, in the official action of the counterpart Japanese application, are already of record in the file history of the present application and were included in the listings of art documents previously of record in connection with earlier submitted IDSs with regard to the above-identified application.

Incidentally, a decision was recently issued granting the withdrawal of abandonment of the above-identified application. That is, the earlier Notice of Abandonment of June 19, 2000 was vacated with the granting of the decision on the petition (see paper number 20, mailed September 19, 2002), in which, at that time, the application was forwarded to the Examiner to resume *ex parte* prosecution. Insofar as known, no further action was taken by the Examiner such as with regard to the mailing of a new official Notification of Allowability of the above-identification at the below named Law Firm's correct address. Expeditious handling regarding the present IDS is respectfully requested.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted prior to the mailing of either a Final Office Action on the merits or an official Notice of Allowance, and, accordingly, is in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c). (An authorized credit card payment form covering the fee amount for the filing of this IDS, set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p), is enclosed herewith.)

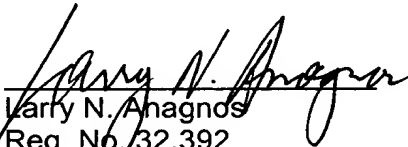
As to the requirement of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of relevance to the extent that the two listed documents are not in the English language, this is met by: the submission of an English language version of

the foreign office action and also the submission of English language abstracts directed thereto.

It is submitted this IDS is in compliance with the rules of practice as well as with USPTO guidelines. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that it be entered and duly considered by the USPTO. Also, acknowledgment of entry as well as of formal consideration thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.32032CC6) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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